

FIRE0003 - Overall

September 2018



Sample 2225 US College Students (Aged 18+)
Conducted September 23 – October 10, 2018
Margin of Error ±2.3%

1. Q28-30/Q31-33 split

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| Q28-30 | 50% |
| Q31-33 | 50% |

2. Gender

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| Male | 45% |
| Female | 55% |

3. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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| White | 57% |
| Black | 15% |
| Hispanic | 17% |
| Asian | 7% |
| Native American | 1% |
| Middle Eastern | 0% |
| Mixed | 2% |
| Other | 0% |

4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

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| No high school | 1% |
| High school graduate | 13% |
| Some college | 59% |
| 2-year college | 18% |
| 4-year college | 8% |
| Post-graduate | 1% |

5. In which state do you live?

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| Alabama | 1% |
| Alaska | 0% |
| Arizona | 3% |
| Arkansas | 1% |
| California | 15% |
| Colorado | 1% |
| Connecticut | 1% |
| Delaware | 0% |
| District of Columbia | 0% |
| Florida | 8% |
| Georgia | 4% |
| Hawaii | 0% |
| Idaho | 0% |
| Illinois | 4% |
| Indiana | 1% |
| Iowa | 1% |
| Kansas | 1% |
| Kentucky | 1% |
| Louisiana | 1% |
| Maine | 1% |
| Maryland | 2% |
| Massachusetts | 2% |
| Michigan | 3% |
| Minnesota | 1% |
| Mississippi | 1% |
| Missouri | 2% |
| Montana | 0% |
| Nebraska | 1% |
| Nevada | 1% |
| New Hampshire | 0% |
| New Jersey | 3% |
| New Mexico | 0% |
| New York | 7% |
| North Carolina | 3% |
| North Dakota | 0% |
| Ohio | 4% |
| Oklahoma | 1% |
| Oregon | 1% |
| Pennsylvania | 5% |
| Rhode Island | 1% |
| South Carolina | 1% |
| South Dakota | 0% |
| Tennessee | 1% |

6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

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| Full-time | 27% |
| Part-time | 19% |
| Temporarily laid off | 1% |
| Unemployed | 3% |
| Retired | 1% |
| Permanently disabled | 1% |
| Homemaker | 2% |
| Student | 46% |
| Other | 1% |

7. Are you enrolled in school as a full-time or part-time student?

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| Full-time | 70% |
| Part-time | 30% |
| I am not enrolled in school | - |

8. Membership in registered student groups on campus should be open to all students.

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| Strongly agree | 53% |
| Agree | 42% |
| Disagree | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 1% |

9. Registered student groups on campus should be able to exclude students from their membership who don't agree with the mission of the student group (ex: pro-choice groups could exclude pro-life students, or Republican groups could exclude Democratic students).

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| Strongly agree | 22% |
| Agree | 42% |
| Disagree | 28% |
| Strongly disagree | 8% |

10. The following types of registered student groups should be able to exclude students from membership if the students don't agree with the mission of the group:

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| Black or African American student groups | 16% |
| Asian student groups | 10% |
| Hispanic/Latino student groups | 14% |
| Sororities or fraternities | 5% |
| LGBTQ+ student groups | 12% |
| Christian student groups | 9% |
| Jewish student groups | 8% |
| Muslim/Islamic student groups | 8% |
| Hindu student groups | 7% |
| Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups | 7% |
| Republican student groups | 7% |
| Democratic student groups | 8% |
| Black Lives Matter student groups | 8% |
| Tea Party student groups | 5% |
| Pro-Israeli student groups | 6% |
| Pro-Palestinian student groups | 6% |
| Other student groups | 1% |
| All of the above | 20% |
| I don't think student groups should be able to exclude other students from membership | 45% |

11. Registered student groups on campus should be able to deny leadership positions in the student group to students who don't agree with the mission of the group (ex: pro-choice groups could deny leadership positions to pro-life students, or Republican groups could deny leadership positions to Democratic students).

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| Strongly agree | 30% |
| Agree | 44% |
| Disagree | 19% |
| Strongly disagree | 8% |

12. Students who disagree with the mission of a registered student group should be able to join the group in order to change the group's mission.

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| Strongly agree | 14% |
| Agree | 36% |
| Disagree | 36% |
| Strongly disagree | 13% |

13. Students at my college or university should be excluded from extracurricular activities (ex: sports, Greek life, student organizations) if they publicly express intolerant, hurtful, or offensive viewpoints.

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| Strongly agree | 31% |
| Agree | 40% |
| Disagree | 21% |
| Strongly disagree | 8% |

14. Groups with missions that certain students find intolerant, hurtful, or offensive should be able to register as student groups and receive student activity fees from student government.

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| Strongly agree | 16% |
| Agree | 35% |
| Disagree | 34% |
| Strongly disagree | 15% |

15. My college or university should be able to deny recognition to a single-gender student group because the group excludes students based on gender.

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| Strongly agree | 15% |
| Agree | 28% |
| Disagree | 39% |
| Strongly disagree | 18% |

16. Students at my college or university should be able to join single-gender student groups that are not recognized by the university.

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|-------------------|-----|
| Strongly agree | 23% |
| Agree | 52% |
| Disagree | 20% |
| Strongly disagree | 5% |

17. My college or university should be able to punish students who join single-gender groups that are not recognized by the university.

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|-------------------|-----|
| Strongly agree | 13% |
| Agree | 22% |
| Disagree | 40% |
| Strongly disagree | 26% |

18. Student government should charge students a student activity fee that will be used to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

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| Strongly agree | 18% |
| Agree | 41% |
| Disagree | 29% |
| Strongly disagree | 12% |

19. Students should be able to "opt out" of a student activity fee if they do not want to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

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| Strongly agree | 32% |
| Agree | 47% |
| Disagree | 17% |
| Strongly disagree | 4% |

20. Students who choose to "opt out" of the student activity fee should still be able to participate in registered student groups and attend on-campus events that receive funding from the student activity fee.

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| Strongly agree | 20% |
| Agree | 38% |
| Disagree | 32% |
| Strongly disagree | 10% |

21. Students should be able to choose which registered student groups their student activity fee funds/does not fund.

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| Strongly agree | 23% |
| Agree | 46% |
| Disagree | 24% |
| Strongly disagree | 7% |

22. Student government should distribute student activity fees to registered student groups on campus without regard to whether the student government agrees with the mission of the student group.

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| Strongly agree | 26% |
| Agree | 47% |
| Disagree | 21% |
| Strongly disagree | 6% |

23. Student government should not distribute student activity fees to registered groups with missions that certain students find intolerant, hurtful, or offensive.

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| Strongly agree | 22% |
| Agree | 43% |
| Disagree | 26% |
| Strongly disagree | 8% |

24. In America today, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

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| Strongly agree | 44% |
| Agree | 36% |
| Disagree | 14% |
| Strongly disagree | 6% |

25. Students should have the right to free speech on campus, even if what they are saying offends others.

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| Strongly agree | 31% |
| Agree | 44% |
| Disagree | 20% |
| Strongly disagree | 5% |

26. Colleges and universities should be able to restrict student expression of political views that are hurtful or offensive to certain students.

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| Strongly agree | 21% |
| Agree | 36% |
| Disagree | 29% |
| Strongly disagree | 14% |

27. In your opinion, which of the following should be a more important priority for a college's administration?

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| Promoting an inclusive environment that is welcoming to a diverse group of students | 60% |
| Protecting students' free speech rights, even if it means allowing hurtful or offensive speech | 40% |

28. The climate on my campus makes it difficult for students to have conversations about important issues such as race, politics, and gender.

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| Strongly agree | 19% |
| Agree | 35% |
| Disagree | 34% |
| Strongly disagree | 11% |

29. On my campus, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

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|-------------------|-----|
| Strongly agree | 15% |
| Agree | 26% |
| Disagree | 39% |
| Strongly disagree | 20% |

30. It is important to be part of a campus community where I am not exposed to intolerant or offensive ideas.

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| Strongly agree | 22% |
| Agree | 42% |
| Disagree | 26% |
| Strongly disagree | 10% |

31. It is important that my college or university encourages students to have a public voice and share their ideas openly.

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| Strongly agree | 39% |
| Agree | 51% |
| Disagree | 8% |
| Strongly disagree | 2% |

32. Freedom of assembly is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

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| Civil right | 50% |
| Civil liberty | 22% |
| Either of the above | 28% |

33. Voting is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

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| Civil right | 55% |
| Civil liberty | 24% |
| Either of the above | 22% |

34. Freedom of speech is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

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|---------------------|-----|
| Civil right | 54% |
| Civil liberty | 22% |
| Either of the above | 23% |

35. How likely would you be to use a CivilLiberties hashtag on social media?

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| 1 - Not at all likely | 30% |
| 2 | 17% |
| 3 | 24% |
| 4 | 17% |
| 5 - Extremely likely | 12% |

36. It is important that my civil liberties are protected.

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| Strongly agree | 45% |
| Agree | 50% |
| Disagree | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 1% |

37. How likely would you be to use a CivilRights hashtag on social media?

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 - Not at all likely | 26% |
| 2 | 13% |
| 3 | 25% |
| 4 | 22% |
| 5 - Extremely likely | 14% |

38. It is important that my civil rights are protected.

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| Strongly agree | 64% |
| Agree | 33% |
| Disagree | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 0% |

39. Is there a difference between a civil right and a civil liberty?

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| Yes | 53% |
| No | 15% |
| I don't know | 32% |

40. In my opinion, the most important civil right or liberty is:

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| Freedom of speech | 30% |
| Freedom of religion | 8% |
| Freedom of the press | 3% |
| Right to assemble | 3% |
| Right to petition the government | 5% |
| Right to bear arms | 7% |
| Right to vote | 10% |
| Right to a fair trial | 6% |
| Right to equal treatment under law | 26% |
| Other | 2% |

41. Do you remember reading or hearing news reports about a large protest that led to violence and fatalities in and around Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017?

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| Yes | 67% |
| No | 26% |
| I don't know | 7% |

42. When you think back to that event, which of the following best characterize(s) your perception of the event? Please check all that apply.

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| Protest | 38% |
| Hate speech | 38% |
| Free speech | 25% |
| Violent | 58% |
| Unlawful | 30% |
| Racist | 45% |
| Police failure | 22% |

43. Did this event change how you think about speech and expression on campus in any way?

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| Yes | 35% |
| No | 48% |
| I don't know | 17% |

44. Did this event change how you think about protest on campus in any way?

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| Yes | 35% |
| No | 50% |
| I don't know | 15% |

45. Do you think white nationalists should be allowed to protest peacefully?

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| Yes | 52% |
| No | 30% |
| I don't know | 18% |

46. Do you think those protesting against white nationalists should be allowed to protest peacefully?

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| Yes | 71% |
| No | 14% |
| I don't know | 15% |

47. Do you consider yourself to be:

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| Male | 43% |
| Female | 54% |
| Non-binary | 3% |
| Prefer to self-describe | 0% |

48. Do you consider yourself to be:

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| Heterosexual | 77% |
| Gay | 3% |
| Lesbian | 3% |
| Bisexual | 11% |
| Queer | 2% |
| Prefer to self-describe | 4% |

49. Is the college or university you attend a public or private school?

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| Public | 79% |
| Private | 18% |
| I don't know | 3% |

50. Is the college or university you attend affiliated with any religion or faith?

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| Yes | 42% |
| No | 52% |
| I don't know | 6% |

51. What is your current class standing?

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|----------------------------------------|-----|
| First year (Freshman) | 26% |
| Second year (Sophomore) | 30% |
| Third year (Junior) | 22% |
| Fourth year (Senior) | 15% |
| Fifth year (Senior or more) | 4% |
| Graduate or professional student | 2% |
| Other | 1% |

52. What is your major?

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| Accounting | 5% |
| Administrative Science/Public Administration | 2% |
| Advertising | 2% |
| Agriculture/Horticulture | 2% |
| Anthropology | 2% |
| Architecture | 2% |
| Art History | 3% |
| Aviation/Aeronautics | 1% |
| Biology | 6% |
| Biostatistics | 1% |
| Business Administration | 7% |
| Chemistry | 2% |
| Child/Human/Family Development | 2% |
| Classics | 0% |
| Communications | 1% |
| Communicative Disorders | 0% |
| Computer Science | 6% |
| Criminology/Criminal Justice | 3% |
| Dance | 1% |
| Dentistry | 1% |
| Economics | 1% |
| Education | 5% |
| Educational Administration | 0% |
| Electronics | 1% |
| Engineering | 5% |
| English | 2% |
| Environmental Science/Ecology | 1% |
| Ethnic Studies | 0% |
| Finance | 1% |
| Fine Arts | 2% |
| Food Science/Nutrition/Culinary Arts | 1% |
| Foreign Language | 0% |
| Forestry | 0% |
| Gender/Women's/LGBTQ Studies | 0% |
| General Studies/Interdisciplinary | 1% |
| Geography | 0% |
| Geology | 0% |
| Health | 4% |
| History | 1% |
| Human Resources | 1% |
| Human Services | 1% |
| Humanities | 0% |
| Industrial Science | 0% |

53. Do you live on or off campus?

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| On | 29% |
| Off | 70% |
| I don't know | 1% |

54. Did either of your parents attend college?

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|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| One of my parents attended college | 30% |
| Both of my parents attended college | 37% |
| Neither parent attended college | 31% |
| I don't know | 2% |

55. Have you received a Pell Grant as part of your college financial aid package?

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| Yes | 47% |
| No | 46% |
| I don't know | 7% |

56. What is your marital status?

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Married | 17% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 4% |
| Widowed | 1% |
| Single | 70% |
| Domestic partnership | 6% |

57. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

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| Yes | 21% |
| No | 79% |

58. Census Region

| | |
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| Northeast | 19% |
| Midwest | 20% |
| South | 36% |
| West | 25% |

59. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

| | |
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| Democrat | 32% |
| Republican | 20% |
| Independent | 41% |
| Other | 1% |
| Not sure | 6% |

60. Voter Registration

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 80% |
| No | 17% |
| Not sure | 2% |

61. Ideology

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 13% |
| Liberal | 21% |
| Moderate | 37% |
| Conservative | 13% |
| Very Conservative | 8% |
| DK | 8% |

62. Interest in news and public affairs

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Most of the time | 24% |
| Some of the time | 38% |
| Only now and then | 24% |
| Hardly at all | 8% |
| Don't know | 5% |

63. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

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| Yes | 28% |
| No | 72% |

64. How important is religion in your life?

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| Very important | 28% |
| Somewhat important | 31% |
| Not too important | 19% |
| Not at all important | 22% |

65. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week | 9% |
| Once a week | 20% |
| Once or twice a month | 13% |
| A few times a year | 15% |
| Seldom | 16% |
| Never | 24% |
| Don't know | 2% |

66. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day | 17% |
| Once a day | 15% |
| A few times a week | 14% |
| Once a week | 6% |
| A few times a month | 7% |
| Seldom | 15% |
| Never | 23% |
| Don't know | 3% |

67. What is your present religion, if any?

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant | 23% |
| Roman Catholic | 21% |
| Mormon | 3% |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox | 2% |
| Jewish | 3% |
| Muslim | 3% |
| Buddhist | 2% |
| Hindu | 1% |
| Atheist | 7% |
| Agnostic | 9% |
| Nothing in particular | 21% |
| Something else | 5% |

68. Age

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| 18-29 | 78% |
| 30-44 | 16% |
| 45-64 | 6% |
| 65+ | 0% |

69. Turnout

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|-------------------|-----|
| Voted | 72% |
| Didn't vote | 28% |

70. Vote Choice

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Hillary Clinton | 49% |
| Donald Trump | 33% |
| Other | 18% |